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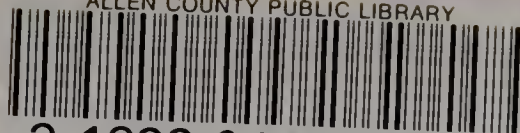
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THEIR ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS

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PREFACE

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Twenty years ago my uncle, Geo. W. Rife, got out the first edition of this booklet on the tenth anniversary of his mother's death. Ten years later, at his suggestion and with his help, I prepared and printed a revision. Several reasons prompt this second revision. In the first place, he expressed a desire that one be made; then too there were several errors in the last edition which I hope to avoid in this; and finally, some additional information has been secured concerning the ancestry of both John and Mary J. Rife.

The family group, on page 15, is a reproduction of William C. Rife's copy of a photograph taken June 4, 1898; the remaining cuts are from the photographs in the family Bible, now in the possession of my father, J. B. Rife.

To the numerous persons, both without and within the family, who have made this revision possible by contributing time, information, suggestions, and money, grateful acknowledgment is due.

In pursuance of the original plan, vital statistics of descendants have been brot up to and including February 21, 1935.

J. Merle Rife
Richmond, Ind.



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CHAPTER I
ANCESTORS OF
JOHN AND MARY J. RIFE

A Swiss watchmaker, whose family name was R e i f f, and whose given name probably was D a n i e l, gave a watch of his own manufacture to a son who came from Geneva to Philadelphia about the middle of the eighteenth century or earlier. The watch was handed down from one Daniel to another until March 30, 1925, when the last of the name, Daniel W. Rife, died childless.*

The first of the line concerning whom we have information in contemporary documents is Henry Rife, who was assessed in Menallen Township, York County, Pennsylvania, in 1799 and whose will, proven May 29, 1820, is on file at Gettysburg, Pa.†

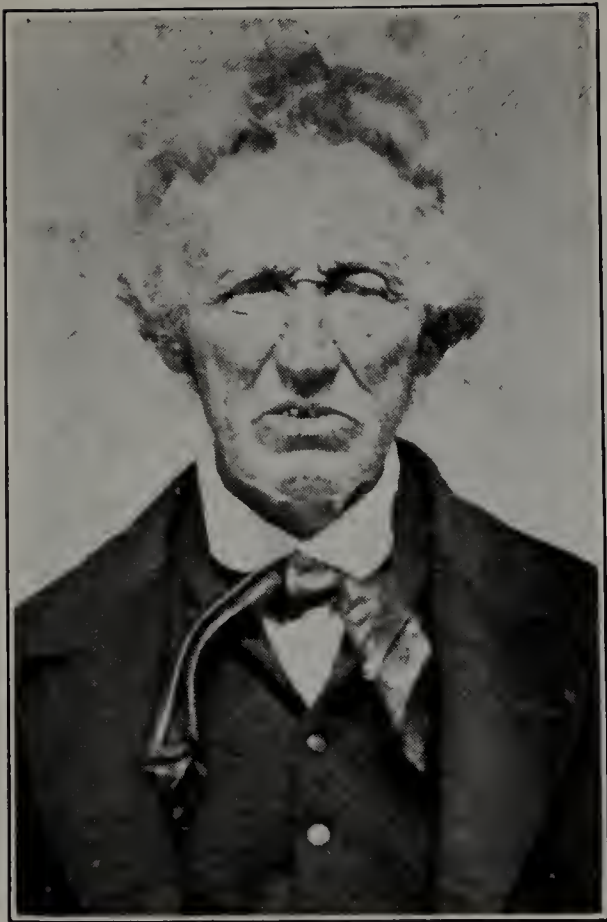
The will of Henry I mentions the testator's "beloved wife Barbara" and makes two sons, Henry and Daniel, his executors. These sons are instructed to pay a total of 1521£.15s. to five daughters and three granddaughters. The three granddaughters are daughters of a son Jacob, who evidently died before the will was made. Their names are Eliza, Catherine, and Susanna. The five daughters are Elizabeth, married Peter Culp; Catherine, married Jacob Eicholtz; Sarah, married William Galbraith; Barbara; and Hanna.‡

The will of Henry II, still of Menallen Tp., now in Adams Co., is also on file at Gettysburg, making a bequest to wife and children and mentioning his brother Daniel, who "assisted and worked for me when I was unable to do it myself." This will was proven November 16, 1826.‡

* Uniform family tradition, confirmed by James B. Rife of Carlisle, Pa., brother of Daniel W. Rife, in correspondence during the winter of 1934-35.

† This may be the Henry Rife of Frederick Co., Md., in the First Census of the United States; and possibly the Henry Reiff of Captain Daniel Eyster's company in the Revolutionary War, who was in service from September, 1776, to January, 1777, and who came from the part of York Co. which in 1800 became Adams Co., Pa.

‡ Found and examined by Mrs. Guiles Flower, Carlisle, Pa.



DANIEL RIFE

Henry II married Mary Forman, who was born in 1800 in Adams Co., Pa. To them were born four children: Daniel, Jacob, Hannah, and Ann. After the death of Henry II his widow married his brother Daniel. To this union were born five children: Catherine, John, Peter, David, and Samuel. Daniel Rife and Mary Forman spent their lives in Adams and Cumberland counties. In a letter written from Big Springs, Pa., and dated July 21, 1870, Samuel A. Rife tells his brother John that their mother died June 29, 1870, and was buried the same day in the Lutheran burying ground at Stoughstown,

Pa.* Daniel Rife died in 1875.

DESCENDANTS OF HENRY RIFE II

Jacob, son of Henry II, was born February 24, 1818, and died April 4, 1889. On May 31, 1849, he married Susannah Harbaugh, who was born April 6, 1825 and died June 14, 1903. They lived for a short time near Springfield, Ohio, and then moved from Ohio to Illinois, living first in Tazewell Co., and later in Peoria Co. In 1882 they moved to Clay Co., Mo., where they spent the remainder of their lives. To them were born ten children, whose births, marriages, and deaths are as follows:†



MARY (FORMAN) RIFE

* This letter from Samuel A. Rife is in the possession of J. B. Rife, Cedarville, Ohio.

† Information concerning Jacob Rife and family furnished by his

Henry Carlton, b. Aug. 18, 1851; m. Ollie C. DeBord, Jan. 15, 1880; d. Mar. 1915.

John Francis, b. Feb. 20, 1850; d. May 1, 1860.

Mary Margaret, b. Sept. 25, 1853; m. James McKee, Mar. 30, 1872; d. Sept. 12, 1911.

James Knox, b. Mar. 9, 1855; d. May 26, 1860.

Isaac Franklin, b. Jan. 2, 1857; d. May 14, 1860.

Annie Elizabeth, b. Oct. 19, 1858; m. W. F. McCallister, Dec. 23, 1878, m. Daniel M. Maib, Mar. 7, 1888; d. Mar. 19, 1930.

Isabelle Susannah, b. June 10, 1861; m. Wm. Barnes, Aug. 22, 1894; d. Aug. 19, 1917.

Charles Edward (and twin brother), b. Mar. 25, 1863; m. Mary J. Ramsay, Mar. 16, 1893; d. Nov. 12, 1909.

George Washington, b. Feb. 5, 1867; m1. Lorena Carver, Dec. 21, 1892, m2. Nelle Carver.

Daniel*, son of Henry II, was born Feb. 26, 1821, and died April 22, 1894. He spent his entire life in Pennsylvania and was the father of the following children:

Henry, b. June 29, 1845; d. Aug. 3, 1845.

John, b. Sept. 23, 1846; d. Nov. 8, 1872.

Sarah Elizabeth, b. Mar. 5, 1849; d. July 5, 1852.

George W., b. Dec. 16, 1851; d. Nov. 26, 1934.

Daniel W., b. June 21, 1854; d. Mar. 30, 1925.

James B., born Oct. 19, 1856.

Hannah†, daughter of Henry II, married Abraham Roddy. Two of their sons, Daniel and Francis, live near Emmitsburg, Md. A third, Abraham F., lived in Kansas City, dying c. 1931.

Ann‡, daughter of Henry II, married a Bolan. She had three sons. The third was named Clinton.

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL RIFE

Catherine married a Stover. Their children were Abigail and Rankin.§

John, the eldest son, and his wife Mary J. (Kitchen), are son, George W. Rife, of Liberty, Mo., in letters early in 1935, and by his grandson, George J. Rife, of Fort Benning, Ga., in a letter of May 27, 1935.

* Information concerning Daniel, son of Henry II, furnished by James B. Rife in a letter of Jan. 22, 1935.

† Correspondence with George W. Rife of Liberty, Mo.

‡ Statement of Mary (Rife) Collins.

the subjects of the present work. Their life is given on pp. 12-13.

Peter did not marry. It seems that he died in Pennsylvania.

David had five children. One daughter was named Laura and two sons were Alex and Albert. He lived at one time in Tazewell Co., Ill.*

Samuel A., late in life, married a widow and lived in Tazewell Co., Ill.†

✓ FORMAN

Jacob Fuhrman came from Germany, via Rotterdam, in 1749, on the ship *Crown*.‡ He married Catharina Trumbein. One of their children was Johann Peter Fuhrman, born April 6, 1773, in Westhundred Tp., Frederick Co., Md.** This son later changed his name to John Peter Forman. He married Catherine Eck. To them were born eight children:††

Mary, b. 1800, married Henry Rife and Daniel Rife.

David, b. 1802, married Leah Seavers

Elizabeth, married Eckenrode

John, married Barbara Rebuck

Jacob W., b. 1812, married Katie Ann Boughman

Peter, married _____ Roddy and Rachel Boughman

Henry, married Temperance Quarterman

Isaac, died in infancy

The descendants of Mary Forman are given under Henry Rife II and Daniel Rife.

The children of David Foreman and Leah Seavers are:

Elizabeth, married Jacob Wise

Mary, married John Boughman

John, married Anne Frey (California)

Sarah, married Peter Garber

Rachel, married Samuel Cooper

Peter, married Sarah White and Mary Mahaffey (W. Va.)

* Correspondence with George W. Rife of Liberty, Mo.

† Opinion of J. B. Rife.

‡ Reported by Lee E. Rife of Philadelphia, Pa., from Shansberger and Hinke, *Records of German Immigrants in the Eighteenth Century*.

** From photograph of German baptismal certificate. Original in possession of J. P. Garber of Philadelphia, Pa.

†† Information concerning Forman descendants supplied by Mrs. Vermont Wagner of Carlisle, Pa., in letters of Jan. 13 and May 20, 1935. Her information depends mainly on the authority of Stuart A. Foreman.

Katharine, married Samuel Hock (Ill.)

Susan, married Martin Claudy (Topeka, Kan.)

George D., married Lizzie Coffee

Barbara, died in infancy

Stuart A., b. 1845; m. Jennie Knox; died 1932 (Ill.)

Ruth, married Michael Crow

John Forman and Barbara Rebuck had one son, Christian.

To Jacob W. Foreman and Katie Ann Boughman the following children were born:

George K., married Nannie J. Atherton

Katie, married Benjamin Baxter

James K., married Ann Margaret Atherton

Mary, married Harry Hoch

Belle, married Lawson Speelman

Joseph, married Jennie Kline

Rachel, married Jacob Rebuck

Corilla, married Hiram Hilands

Samuel, died in infancy

The children of Peter Foreman, who married — Roddy and Rachel Boughman were William, Simon, John, and Martha, by the first marriage; and McClellan and Henry by the second.

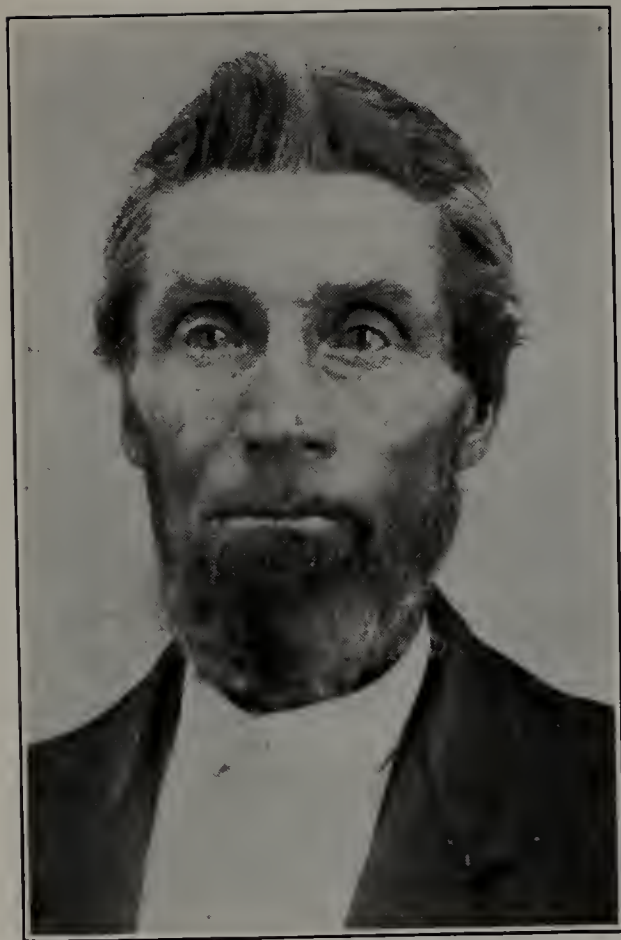
VAN VOORHEES*

✓ Steven Coerte, i.e., Steven, son of Coert, came to America in April, 1660, from near Hees, Netherlands, and settled at Amesfoort, Long Island, later known as Flatlands, L. I. He brot with him his wife and eight children, five or six of whom were sons. The vessel on which they came was *De Bonte Coe*, which brot many loads of Dutch immigrants to America.

Lucas Stevense, i.e., Lucas, son of Steven, married first Catharine van Norstrand and second Janetje Minas of Flatlands.

Jan Lucasse, i.e., Jan son of Lucas, was one of nine sons. He married first Ann van Duykhuysen and second Mayke R. Schenck

* Compiled from Oscar M. Voorhees, *Ralph and Elizabeth Rodman Voorhees, a Tribute*, New York, 1927, p. 12ff; *A Condensed Genealogy of the van Voorhees Family*, van Voorhees Association, N. Y. 1932, p. 14; Elias W. Voorhees, *The Genealogy of the van Voorhees Family*, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1888. These publications were brot to my attention by Mrs. J. A. Eudaly of Richmond, Ind.,



ABRAHAM KITCHEN

gareta van Dyke.

Margaretta van Voorhees, born 1763, daughter of Stephen, married Richard Kitchen.*

✓ KITCHEN

Richard Kitchen, the son of an English immigrant to New Jersey, after his marriage to Margaretta van Voorhees moved to Pennsylvania, settling near Gettysburg, Adams Co.†

Stephen K. Kitchen, son of Richard, married Annie Bercaw (Bercaw, Brokaw), sister of Cornelius and Abraham of Warren Co., Ill.† In 1808 they came to Ohio. In 1828 he started horse-back to Illinois to buy cattle and was never heard of again.‡

Abraham Kitchen, son of Stephen K., was born in Warren Co., Ohio, Nov. 9, 1808. In 1829 he married Martha Matilda Jones who was born in Ross Co., Ohio, June 21, 1809. After their marriage they lived on their farm in Greene Tp., Clark Co., Ohio, a farm which had been entered by his father. They died in 1888, the mother on April 28, the father on June 28. Their graves

* Oral tradition, Alsa J. Kitchen, Springfield, Ohio.

† Correspondence of Mrs. J. H. Harris, Clifton, Ohio, with U. S. Military officials.

‡ Oral tradition, J. B. Rife.

of Frankland Tp., Somerset Co., New Jersey.

When it became necessary to adopt the English system of last names some of the family took the Dutch phrase *van voor Hees*, meaning *from before Hees*, Hees being a village in the province of Drenthe, Netherlands, the home of the immigrant having been outside the walls of this village.

Petrus van Voorhees, born 1712, son of Jan Lucasse, lived at Brunswick, N. J. His wife's family name is not known, but her given name was Mary.

Stephen van Voorhees, born 1739, son of Petrus, married Mar-

can be found in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery near Pitchin, Ohio.

Abraham Kitchen once employed Abraham Lincoln as his attorney in a suit involving a farm near Springfield, Ill. It is said that he won the case.*

To Abraham and Martha Matilda (Jones) Kitchen were born the following children:

Margaret Ann, b. Aug. 27, 1830; m. John W. McCollough; d. Mar. 19, 1913.

Jonathan S., b. Nov. 6, 1831; m. Amelia Ridge; d. Sep. 11, 1912.

Isaac N., b. May 5, 1834; m. Hannah Ridge; d. June 3, 1896.

Erasmus Jones, b. August 11, 1836; m. Lavinia Matilda Hatfield and Sarah Matilda Bates; d. Feb. 8, 1905.

Mary Jones, b. Aug. 11, 1836; m. John Rife; d. Feb. 21, 1905.

Sarah M., b. Aug. 25, 1841; m. George Elder; d. Jan. 24, 1872.

Stephen, b. Oct. 13, 1847; d. Nov. 8, 1863.

Jane Vorhees, b. Oct. 27, 1846; d. July 1, 1860.

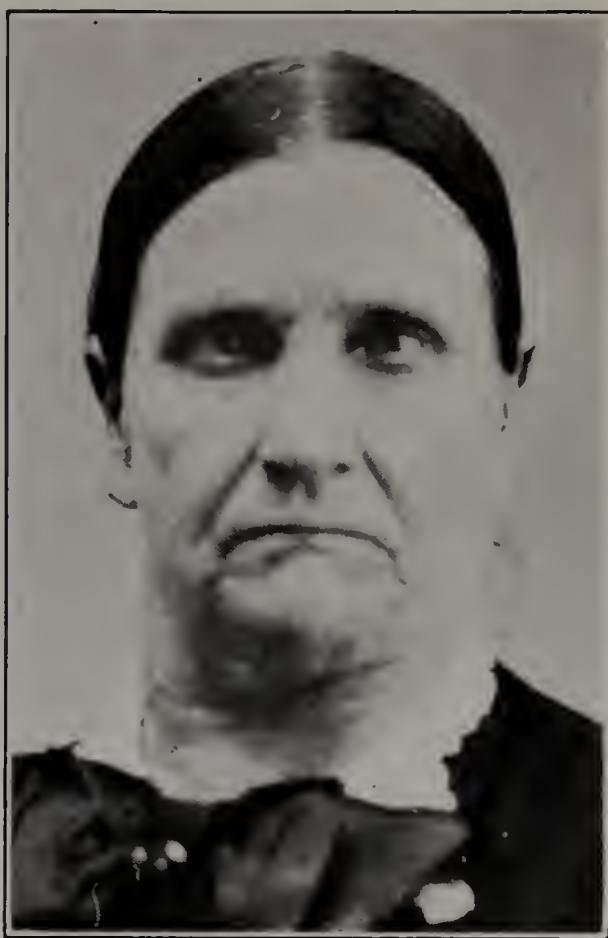
The children of John and Margaret Ann (Kitchen) McCollough were Charles, Isaac, and Erasmus Jackson.

The children of Jonathan and Amelia (Ridge) Kitchen were Alsa J., b. May 26, 1866; d. Feb. 12, 1932; J. Forest, b. June 7, 1872, m. Minnie Neal.

The children of Isaac N. and Hannah (Ridge) Kitchen were Ida, b. Oct. 25, 1858; m. Thomas J. Wires: Luella, b. Oct. 18, 1860; m. Morris P. Hunt: Warren A., b. Nov. 29, 1863; m. Clara Johns; d. Sep. 22, 1930: Emma, b. Nov. 29, 1863; m. Isaac Thorne: William B., b. March 27, 1867; m. Esther Rankin: Anna, b. March 27, 1867; m. George Rex; d. Nov. 29, 1931: Mary, b. June 6, 1875; m. Homer McMillan.

The children of Erasmus Jones and Lavinia Matilda

* Oral tradition, J. B. Rife.



MARTHA MATILDA (Jones) KITCHEN

(Hatfield) Kitchen were Joseph L., b. Aug. 13, 1872; Abraham L., b. Apr. 18, 1874, d. June 5, 1893; Stephen, b. June 12, 1877, m. Josie Stewart; Erasmus Jones, b. June 19, 1879, m. Martha Miller; James H., b. Sep. 5, 1875; Wayne A., b. Oct. 26, 1881, d. Sep. 23, 1891.

The children of George and Sarah M. (Kitchen) Elder were Mattie and May.*

✓ THOMAS†

William Thomas was born in 1678 in Llanwenarth parish, Monmouthshire, Wales. His wife, Ann (maiden name not known), was born in 1680. In 1711 or 1712 they were induced by William Penn to come to America, he being a licensed minister of the Baptist Church. She died in 1753, he in 1757. Their children were Thomas, John, Job, Ephraim, Manasseh, William, and Ann.

John Thomas, also a Baptist minister, son of William, was born at Radnor, Chester Co., Pa., Dec. 9, 1713. In 1738 he married Sarah James, of Radnor, who was born in 1721. Their children were Ann, married Nathan Britain; Rebecca, married Daniel Pugh; Leah, married Samuel Jones; and Sarah, married John Blackwell.

JONES

Samuel Jones, of Welsh descent, married Leah Thomas,‡ daughter of John Thomas. She was born in 1742.

Erasmus Jones, son of Samuel and Leah, married Mary Sellers. In Blocksom Cemetery, just west of Selma, Ohio, are the graves of Erasmus and his wife Mary, the epitaphs stating that he died March 1, 1850, aged eighty-three years and one month; and she on September 25, 1855, aged seventy-eight years, eight months, and three days.

According to Goodspeed and Blanchard**, Erasmus Jones and Mary (Sellers) Jones were both natives of Virginia. At the

* Part of the Kitchen statistics were furnished by J. Forest Kitchen, Springfield, Ohio.

† Edward Mathews, *The Thomas Family of Hilltown*. Arthur K. Thomas, Lansdale, Pa., 1884. 69 pages; reported by Lee E. Rife.

‡ Mathews, cited above; and oral tradition from Margaret B. Rife and other descendants.

** *Porter and Lake Counties*, (Indiana), Chicago, 1884. p. 301.

time of their birth, however, Virginia included the Northwest Territory. The same authorities state that "the elder Jones was one of the first settlers of Chillicothe in 1778". At that time Erasmus was only eleven years old and Chillicothe (Ohio) could hardly have been settled. Other branches of the family have this same tradition that he was one of the first settlers there. His great-granddaughter Margaret B. Rife has a pair of moccasins he is said to have purchased from the Indians at Chillicothe.

The children of Erasmus and Mary Jones were:

Sarah, married Benjamin Brittain.

Rebecca, married Samuel Arthur

Rachel, married Joseph Butcher

Jonathan

Mary

Elizabeth, married _____ Boyles

Martha Matilda, married Abraham Kitchen (see page 6)

Hannah Ann, married Josiah Bates

George Washington

Erasmus J., born 1814; married Susannah McCafferty, 1836, and Elizabeth Bullard, 1846.

Keturah Ann, born Oct. 9, 1821

Benjamin DeLuna, b. Oct. 9, 1821; d. Dec. 19, 1823*

✓ SELLERS†

One of the traditions repeated by Keturah Jones, of Clifton, Ohio, was that the "battle of Brandy" was fought on the farm of one of her Sellers relatives. There is a farm in West Bradford Tp., Chester Co., Pa., which belonged to three successive generations of Samuel Sellers, descendants of a Samuel Sellers who came from England with his brother George in 1682.

Miss Alberta Sellers, of Springfield, Ohio, copied, sometime in 1935, the following statement she had received from her cousin, William Sellers, in Philadelphia: "Samuel Sellers of Belprie, England came to this country in 1682, married Ann Gibbons at Darby meeting house, July 1684. One of his children was Samuel, settled near Chadd's Ford, and another one, Thomas".

Miss Alberta Sellers told me on June 21, 1935, that this

* The names of the Jones family were found by Mrs. Lewis Green of Valparaiso, Ind.

† Most of the Sellers research, a very difficult field, was done by Lee E. Rife, assisted by Margaret B. Rife.

Thomas had two sons, James and Polser, and that she was descended from James, while our family is descended from Polser.

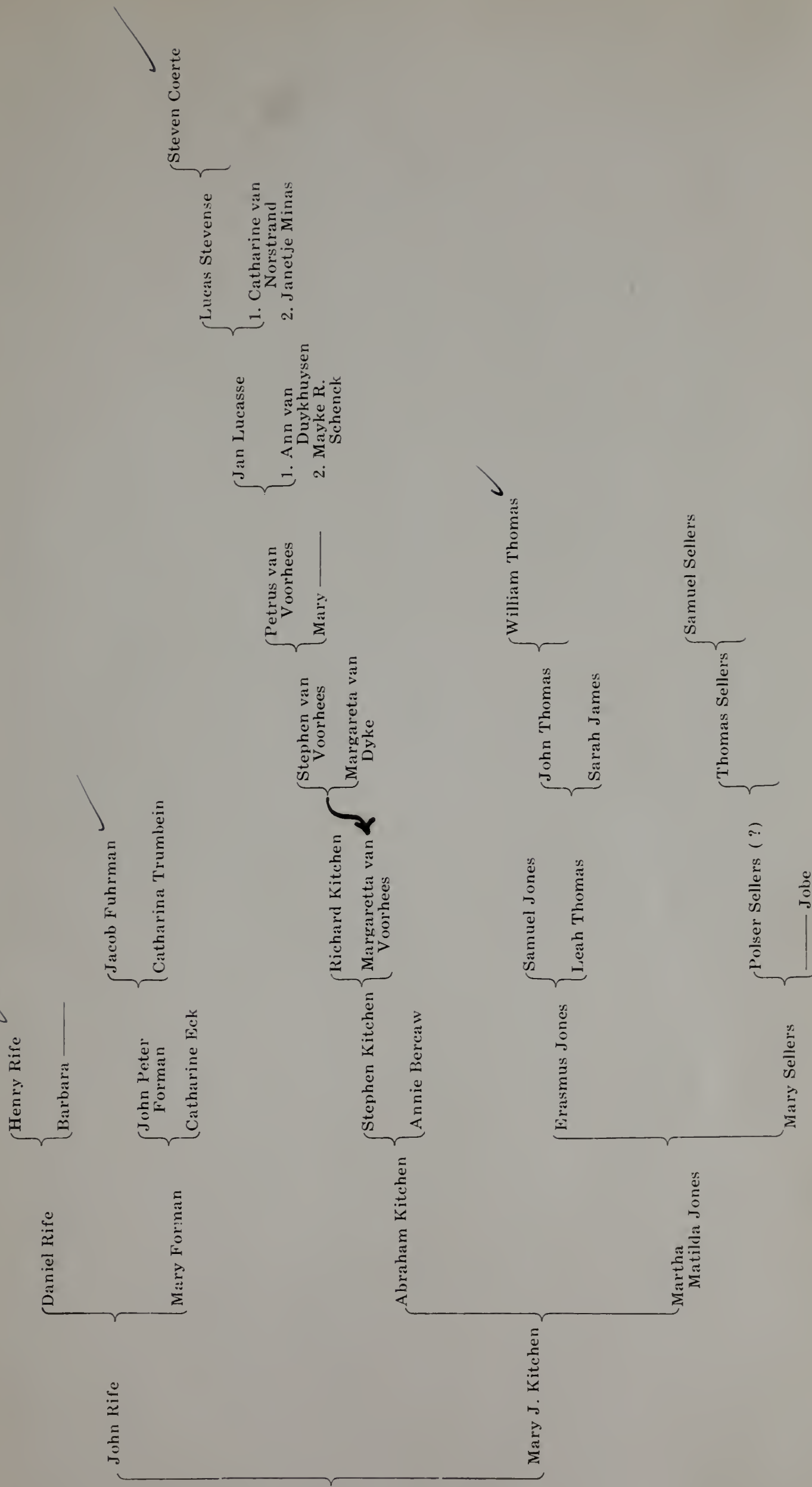
Polser Sellers married a Jobe.

Mary Sellers, daughter (?) of Polser Sellers, married Erasmus Jones.

Miss Alberta Sellers (daughter of Albert*, son of James) says her father told her about the battle of Brandywine, which was fought on his grandfather's farm. Albert's grandmother had described the battle to him and, among other things, told of the red capes of the British soldiers and how the wheatfield, which was ready to sow, was trampled so that the ground had to be prepared again before the wheat could be sowed.

There is in the family a widespread tradition that one of the Sellers ancestors was "disowned" for marrying outside the Society of Friends. This may account for the failure, so far, to find documentary evidence of the relation of Thomas Sellers to any Samuel Sellers.

* Born at Gerrardstown, Berkeley Co., W. Va.



CHAPTER II

JOHN AND MARY J. RIFE*

John Rife, son of Daniel Rife, was born near the famous battlefield of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, September 24th, 1832. At the age of seventeen he began an apprenticeship at black-



JOHN RIFE

smithing. He spent the years 1852 and 1853 in working at his trade in the western states. In the spring of 1854 he settled in Pitchin, Clark county, Ohio. On September 25, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jones Kitchen†, daughter of Abraham and Martha M. Kitchen, of Clark county, Ohio. To this union ten children were born, viz., George W., Stephen K., Anna, John B., Fred F.‡, Mary M., William C., Margaret B., and Lee E. Remaining in Selma** until March, 1862, they then removed to what is known as the "Taylor Farm", containing 1200 acres, in Greene township, Clark county, Ohio, and engaged rather extensively in farming. They remained here un-

til 1867, when they removed to their own newly bought farm, which was a part of the Richard Randolph farm of Greene county, Ohio. Rebuilding and improving it they spent the remainder of their days here.

In her girlhood days the mother of this family became a member of the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, in Clark county, Ohio; but not until 1867, eleven years after their

* This Chapter, with the exception of the footnotes, is exactly as written by Geo. W. Rife, of Cedarville, Ohio, in 1925.

† Born August 11, 1836, in Greene Tp., Clark Co., Ohio.

‡ Frank A. was born between Fred and Mary.

** They moved to Selma about 1858.

marriage, did the father, John Rife, decide to lead a changed life. With a firm purpose he threw off all orders with which he was affiliated, and connected with the United Presbyterian Church of Clifton, Ohio, under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Campbell. In the last few hours of his life here on earth he made the statement to one of his sons that he wished to get his business affairs set in order that he might draw nearer to his Master. The mother, Mary J. Rife, united by letter with the same church at the same time and as time passed these honored parents lived to see each of their eight surviving children gathered into the same organization of which they themselves had become members.



MARY J. (KITCHEN) RIFE

We are sure these eight children will each bear testimony to the faithfulness of these honored parents. On the 26th of December, 1899, the father died, and on February 21, 1905, the mother fell asleep. They lie side by side in the Clifton Cemetery.

Before passing to the record of the children severally we note that there are now, November 5, 1925, living descendants of John and Mary J. Rife, by marriage, etc., to the number of 81.*

* At the time of the first edition, in 1915, there were 53. There are now, Feb. 21, 1935, 118.



LEE	MARGARET	BROUGH	WILLIAM	MARY	STEPHEN	GEORGE
			JOHN RIFE	MARY J. RIFE		FRED

CHAPTER III

GEORGE WASHINGTON RIFE



GEORGE WASHINGTON RIFE

George was born at Pitchin, Ohio, August 21, 1857. He was married November 11, 1880, to Emma Jane Garlough, who was born in Clark County, Ohio, near Pitchin, on December 2, 1857. They lived on their farm, just east of his home farm, from the time of their marriage until March 6, 1919, when they moved to Cedarville, Ohio, just north of the College campus, where she still has her residence. From January, 1917, to June, 1927, he was president of the Exchange Bank of Cedarville. He died December 2, 1928. Burial at Clifton Cemetery.

Her address is Cedarville, Ohio. Their children, born at their

home near Clifton, are:

Bertha, February 22, 1882

Carrie May, August 24, 1885

John Wallace, November 23, 1888

BERTHA

On October 4, 1905, Bertha was married to Fred Estle of Clark County, Ohio, who was born near Clifton, Ohio, June 29, 1881. They live on the farm, about one mile north of Clifton.

Address: Springfield, Ohio, R. D. 4.

To them were born, near Clifton, Ohio:

Mary Lois, July 6, 1906

Freda Rife, August 15, 1909

Carrie Ellen, January 17, 1912

MARY LOIS ESTLE

Lois is teaching in the high school at Pitchin, Ohio.

Address: Springfield, Ohio, R. D. 4.

FREDA RIFE ESTLE

On May 28, 1931, Freda was married to Robert Horney of Cedarville, Ohio, who was born August 26, 1907, near Jeffersonville, Ohio. They are living on the farm, about one mile north of Clifton.

Address: Springfield, Ohio, R. D. 4.

To them have been born:

Roger Estle, Springfield, Ohio, September 23, 1932

Norma Jane, Springfield, Ohio, July 19, 1934

CARRIE ELLEN ESTLE

Carrie Ellen is engaged in social service work in Springfield, Ohio.

Address: Springfield, Ohio, R. D. 4.

CARRIE MAY

Carrie is principal of the high school at Cedarville, Ohio. She makes her home with her mother.

Address: Cedarville, Ohio.

JOHN WALLACE

On December 24, 1918 Wallace was married to Florence Louise Kyle, of Springfield, Ohio, who was born at Xenia, Ohio, December 29, 1896. They have lived, since their marriage, on his home farm, two miles east of Clifton.

Address: Cedarville, Ohio.

They have adopted a daughter, Helen Elizabeth, who was born April 4, 1926.

CHAPTER IV

STEPHEN KITCHEN RIFE



STEPHEN KITCHEN RIFE

Stephen was born May 24, 1859, at Selma, Ohio. On May 24, 1882, he was married to Ada Jeanette Stormont, who was born near Cedarville, Ohio, July 4, 1860. They lived almost three years on the farm about one mile east of his home farm, where his brother, J. B. Rife now lives. Early in 1885 they moved to Harper County, Kansas, where they lived on a farm about six miles south of Anthony. He died July 10, 1930. Burial at Burchfield cemetery. She is still living on her farm.

Address: Anthony, Kansas.

To them were born:

Stormont Abraham, near Clifton, Ohio, December 25, 1884

Mildred, near Anthony, Kansas, December 21, 1886

Cash Kilburn, near Anthony, September 17, 1888

John Riley, near Anthony, July 14, 1890

Beatrice, near Anthony, April 17, 1892

Stephada, near Anthony, March 29, 1894

Mary Jones, near Anthony, May 15, 1896

Casper Lee, near Anthony, October 21, 1898

Audris, near Anthony, December 8, 1901

George Emerson, near Anthony, January 18, 1903

Clark Augustine Yetter, near Anthony, August 24, 1908

STORMONT ABRAHAM

Stormont Abraham died July 30, 1888. Burial in Burchfield Cemetery, about six miles south of Anthony, Kansas.

MILDRED

Mildred spent her life as a teacher, holding positions in the high schools at Winfield, Kansas and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On September 26, 1929 she was married to Edwin S. Orr, of Winfield, Kansas, who was born February 4, 1877, in Cowley County, Kansas. She died August 6, 1930. Burial at Burchfield Cemetery.

CASH KILBURN

On June 10, 1919, Cash was married to Nellie McManan of Harper County, Kansas, who was born near Phillipsburg, Laclede County, Missouri, August 9, 1895. He is a partner in a farm machinery and automobile business at Harper, Kansas.

Address: Anthony, Kansas.

JOHN RILEY

J. R. is living with his mother on his home farm.

Address: Anthony, Kansas, R. D. 3.

BEATRICE

Beatrice was married September 30, 1917 to Rufus Frazier of Anthony, Kansas, who was born near Richmond, Ray County, Missouri, on February 21, 1888. They are living on the farm, about eight miles southwest of Anthony.

Address: Anthony, Kansas, R. D. 3.

To them have been born, at their home near Anthony:

Stephen Keith, November 3, 1921

Dorothy Gail, March 23, 1923; died March 30, 1923. Burial at Burchfield Cemetery.

Ruth Jean, August 6, 1930

STEPHADA

Stephada died April 20, 1901. Burial at Burchfield Cemetery.

MARY JONES

Mary Jones died April 25, 1901. Burial at Burchfield Cemetery.

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CASPER LEE

On November 27, 1921, Casper was married to Grace Ford of Anthony, Kansas, who was born near Columbia, Adair County, Kentucky, June 22, 1898. They are living on the farm about six miles south of Anthony.

Address: Anthony, Kansas, R. D. 3.

To them two children have been born:

Lois Mildred, Bluff City, Kansas, July 10, 1925

Max Lee, near Anthony, November 9, 1927

AUDRIS

Audris is a hospital dietitian.

Address: Anthony, Kansas.

GEORGE EMERSON

On February 1, 1927, George was married to Hazel Theresa Lynch of Wellington, Kansas, who was born January 25, 1903, near Caldwell, Kansas. They are now living at Caldwell.

Address: Caldwell, Kansas.

CLARK AUGUSTINE YETTER

Clark is a civil engineer.

Address: Anthony, Kansas.

CHAPTER V

ANNA RIFE

Anna was born at Selma, Ohio, January 14, 1861. She died of diphtheria at the Taylor Farm, three miles east of Clifton, on October 24, 1863. Her grave is at the top of the ridge in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, about two miles south of Pitchin, Clark County, Ohio.

CHAPTER VI

JOHN BROUGH RIFE



JOHN BROUGH RIFE

Brough was born on the Taylor Farm, just over the line in Clark County, Ohio, three miles east of Clifton, May 29, 1863. On Jan. 31, 1884, he left home for Harper County, Kansas, where he farmed the place now owned by Fred F. Rife, about six miles south of Anthony. On June 20, 1885, he left his home in Kansas and returned to Ohio, where he has since farmed the place, about one mile east of the home place, where S. K. Rife lived before moving to Kansas. On December 31, 1891, he was married to Estella Stewart, of Clark County, Ohio, who was born two miles north of Clifton, Ohio, April 13, 1862. She died April 30, 1934.

Burial at Clifton Cemetery. He is still living on the farm.

Address: Cedarville, Ohio.

To them, at their home near Clifton, Ohio, were born:

John Merle, October 26, 1895

David Cecil, January 3, 1901

JOHN MERLE

On June 24, 1921, Merle was married to Ruth Ramsey of near Cedarville, Ohio, who was born September 6, 1895, at the old home of Ada Stormont Rife, one mile north of Cedarville. He is teaching at Earlham College.

Address: 218 W. Main St., Richmond, Ind.

To them have been born:

Edith Cecilia, near Cedarville, Ohio, September 25, 1922

John Merle, Bloomington, Indiana, April 5, 1925

Margaret Estella, Xenia, Ohio, August 7, 1928

Helen Ramsey, Xenia, Ohio, July 20, 1930

DAVID CECIL

Cecil is teaching at Ohio State University.

Address: Dept. of Zoology and Entomology, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

CHAPTER VII

FRED FORMAN RIFE



FRED FORMAN RIFE

Fred was born on the Taylor farm, three miles east of Clifton, March 31, 1865. On July 28, 1885, he left home to go to Kansas. He spent the winter of 1885-86 in Seward County, Kansas, at Fargo Springs. For two years he worked as a cowboy on a cattle range in Indian Territory. On October 9, 1890, he was married to Priscilla May Livengood, of near Anthony, Harper County, Kansas, who was born August 20, 1866, near Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana. Since their marriage they have lived on the farm, about six miles south of Anthony, where J. B. Rife lived in 1884-85, except one year (June 1920 to June 1921) when

they lived near De Ridder, Louisiana.

Address: Anthony, Kansas, R. D. 3.

To them were born, at their home near Anthony:

Fred William, February 11, 1892

Mary Lavina, August 10, 1893

Margaret May, January 8, 1895

Maurice Livengood, May 6, 1897

Maud Evelyn, September 3, 1899

Doris, March 5, 1901

John, February 14, 1903

Tillie Helen, October 16, 1905

FRED WILLIAM

Fred William died October 16, 1904. Burial at Burchfield Cemetery.

MARY LAVINA

On May 9, 1917, Mary was married to William Frazier of Harper County, Kansas, who was born April 26, 1889, near Richmond, Ray County, Missouri. They live on the farm, two miles north of Manchester, Grant County, Oklahoma.

Address: Manchester, Oklahoma, R. D. 1.

To them have been born, at their home near Manchester:

Rolland Gypp, July 23, 1919

Frances Marjean, December 18, 1922

William Rife, November 17, 1924

MARGARET MAY

On January 16, 1931, Margaret was married to Robert Ellis Plott of Wichita, Kansas, who was born at Waynesville, North Carolina, May 2, 1888. They are dealers in mill and elevator supplies.

Address: 314 East 21st St., Amarillo, Texas.

MAURICE LIVENGOOD

On April 24, 1920, Maurice was married to Vivian Faye Barnard of Waldron, Kansas, who was born near Liberty, Adams County, Illinois, September 27, 1896. They are living on a farm about thirty miles south of Lamar, Colorado.

Address: Lamar, Colorado, South Star Route.

To them have been born:

Margaret Nell, near Anthony, Kansas, February 11, 1922

John Barnard, near Manchester, Oklahoma, Nov. 9, 1923

Beatrice May, Goodland, Kansas, April 4, 1928

Maurice Richard, Goodland, September 1, 1930

Franklin Delano, Goodland, March 5, 1933

MAUD EVELYN

On August 28, 1920, Maud was married to Andrew Osborn of Lamar, Colorado, who was born October 25, 1896, at Zenas, Jennings County, Indiana. They are living on the farm, about thirty miles south of Lamar, Colorado.

Address: Lamar, Colorado, South Star Route.

To them, at their home south of Lamar, have been born:

Evelyn Elizabeth, October 17, 1921

JOHN AND MARY J. RIFE

Mary Jean, May 2, 1923; died October 17, 1924. Burial at Downing Cemetery, near the Two Buttes mountains, Colorado.

Fred Andrew, November 23, 1925

Doris Lavina, May 8, 1928

William Rife, July 26, 1930

Merle Joseph }
Merna Joan } November 23, 1934

DORIS

On December 18, 1919, Doris was married to Charles Ralph Whitney, who was born near Anthony, Kansas, December 8, 1899. They are living on the farm, on the state line, four miles west of Manchester, Oklahoma.

Address: Manchester, Oklahoma, R. D. 1.

To them have been born:

Roger Rife, Waldron, Kansas, February 1, 1921

Helen Faye, Waldron, August 29, 1922

Charlotte Anne, Waldron, December 18, 1923

Gladys May, Anthony, Kansas, November 1, 1925

Phyllis Joyce, Anthony, October 8, 1927

Betty Lois, Anthony, November 15, 1930

Ralph Wayne, near Anthony, October 7, 1932

JOHN

John is farming on his home farm.

Address: Anthony, Kansas, R. D. 3.

TILLIE HELEN

Tillie is teaching in Spring Township high school, Harper County, Kansas.

Address: Anthony, Kansas, R. D. 3.

CHAPTER VIII

FRANK ALEXANDER RIFE

Frank was born on the home place, at the Richard Randolph house, October 1, 1867. He died of inflammatory rheumatism, July 13, 1885, at the home place. Burial at Clifton Cemetery.

CHAPTER IX

MARY MATILDA RIFE



MARY MATILDA (RIFE) COLLINS

Mary was born January 23, 1870, at the home place near Clifton. On November 12, 1891, she was married to Andrew Gordon Collins, who was born near the old Massie's Creek Church, about four miles northwest of Cedarville, Ohio, August 12, 1865. They lived on his home farm. He died October 17, 1929. Burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio. In the fall of 1934 she moved to Xenia, Ohio.

Address: 229 E. Market St., Xenia, Ohio.

To them, at their home near Cedarville, were born:

Mary Dorothy, October 25, 1894

John Wallace, December 1, 1895

William Rife, January 4, 1897

Andrew Roger, November 12, 1898

Marion Earle, June 22, 1903

Margaret Pauline, July 24, 1904

Ruth Gordon, June 28, 1907

James Robert, February 16, 1910

MARY DOROTHY COLLINS

On August 30, 1934, Dorothy was married to Edward Byron Hart of Brooklyn, New York, who was born at Fonda, New York, on April 2, 1874. He is an osteopathic physician.

Address: 385 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN WALLACE COLLINS

On August 28, 1919, John was married to Janet McClellan, of near Xenia, Ohio, who was born near Xenia, Ohio, August 24,

1894. They are living on the farm, about five miles northwest of Cedarville.

Address: Xenia, Ohio, R. D. 5.

To them, near Cedarville, were born:

Dorothy Marie, June 10, 1920

Wallace Gordon, August 18, 1922

Ernest McClellan, January 12, 1924

WILLIAM RIFE COLLINS

On August 11, 1921, William was married to Edith Geneva St. John of near Jamestown, Ohio, who was born near Jamestown, February 9, 1896. William is a district representative for the Macmillan Publishing Company, and president of the Miami Valley Publishing Company.

Address: 1968 Coventry Road, Columbus, Ohio.

To them have been born:

Walter Gordon, Jamestown, Ohio, May 17, 1922; died May 17, 1922. Burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

Edith Joan, Wilmington, Ohio, July 22, 1923; died December 1, 1928. Burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

William Rife, Columbus, Ohio, January 7, 1926

Jane, Columbus, Ohio, May 19, 1933

ANDREW ROGER COLLINS

On September 22, 1927, Roger was married to Clara Marie Kershner of near Yellow Springs, Ohio, who was born near Yellow Springs, May 3, 1907. He is farming his home place.

Address: Cedarville, Ohio.

To them have been born, at their home near Cedarville:

Charlotte Ann, August 1, 1928

Roger Eugene, October 11, 1932

MARION EARLE COLLINS

On August 14, 1931, Earle was married to Anna Mary Dixon of New Concord, Ohio, who was born at Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1903. He is the president of Tarkio College.

Address: Tarkio, Missouri.

They have a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born at Tarkio, May 6, 1932.

JOHN AND MARY J. RIFE

MARGARET PAULINE COLLINS

On June 25, 1929, Pauline was married to Robert Douglas Choate, of New York City, who was born at Madison, Wisconsin, January 5, 1906. He is the shop manager for the Miami Valley Publishing Company.

Address: Osborn, Ohio.

To them have been born:

Margaret Jean	}	near Cedarville, Ohio, April 5, 1930
Elizabeth Ann		
		Nancy Fay, Xenia, Ohio, February 1, 1933

RUTH GORDON COLLINS

On April 3, 1930, Ruth was married to James Calvin McMillan of Cedarville, Ohio, who was born at Cedarville, June 20, 1906. He is the business manager for the Miami Valley Publishing Company.

Address: Osborn, Ohio.

To them have been born, at Xenia, Ohio:

James Gordon, October 6, 1931

Robert Lawrence, December 18, 1934

JAMES ROBERT COLLINS

Robert is studying medicine at Western Reserve University.

Address: 1866 East 93rd St., Cleveland, Ohio.

CHAPTER X

WILLIAM CAMPBELL RIFE



WILLIAM CAMPBELL RIFE

William was born January 4, 1872, at the home place near Clifton, Ohio. He has lived on this farm all his life. On June 2, 1898, he was married to Luella Frances Waddle of Clark County, Ohio, who was born near Cedarville, Ohio, February 5, 1875. She died on August 2, 1919. Burial at Clifton Cemetery.

His address is Cedarville, Ohio.

There are three children:

Ralph Leroy, born near Clifton, October 6, 1900

Naomi Christine, born July 6, 1909

Paul Waddell, born near Clifton, April 20, 1913

RALPH LEROY

Ralph is farming at the home place.

Address: Cedarville, Ohio.

NAOMI CHRISTINE

Christine is teaching in the public schools at South Charleston, Ohio.

Address: Cedarville, Ohio.

PAUL WADDELL

Paul is a student in Cedarville College.

Address: Cedarville, Ohio.

CHAPTER XI

MARGARET BELLE RIFE



MARGARET BELLE RIFE

Margaret was born July 11, 1874, at the home place, where she lived until the death of her parents. Since then she has divided her residence among the states of Kansas, Florida, and Ohio. In 1916 she received the degree of A. B. in Piano, from Cedarville College. She is living in Xenia, Ohio, at present.

Permanent address: care of Carrie M. Rife, Cedarville, Ohio.

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LEE ERASMUS RIFE



LEE ERASMUS RIFE

Lee was born at the home place near Clifton, Ohio, July 14, 1878. He attended Cedarville and Monmouth Colleges, graduating from Monmouth in 1899. During the year 1899-1900 he taught school. He attended medical school at Cincinnati in 1900-1901. On June 25, 1903 he was married to Mary McCollum Hunter of Monmouth, Illinois, who was born at Douglass, Illinois, November 27, 1875, and who graduated from Monmouth College in 1900. After their marriage they lived for three years on their farm, two miles south of Clifton, Ohio. In the fall of 1906 they moved to Xenia, Ohio, where he spent three years in the Xenia

Theological Seminary. Since graduating from seminary he has ministered to the following United Presbyterian congregations: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1909-1911; Clarion, Iowa, 1911-1914; Norris Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1914-1935.

Address: 2136 N. Hancock St., Philadelphia, Pa.

To them were born:

Jean Hunter, near Clifton, Ohio, May 16, 1904

Mary Lee, near Clifton, August 21, 1905

John Starr, Monmouth, Illinois, July 31, 1908

William Hunter, Clarion, Iowa, October 4, 1911

Charlotte Hunter, Clarion, February 10, 1914

JEAN HUNTER

On January 1, 1929, Jean was married to Nicholas Francis Weber III of Clarion, Iowa, who was born at Clarion, March 1,

JOHN AND MARY J. RIFE

1905. He is the factory representative for the B. F. Goodrich Corporation, International Division.

Address: care of Schuman Carriage Co., Honolulu, Hawaii.

To them have been born:

Nicholas Francis IV, New York City, April 29, 1930

John Rife, Honolulu, Hawaii, October 10, 1932

Arthur Lee, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 23, 1934

MARY LEE

On September 18, 1926, Mary Lee was married to Cleland W. Lerch of Philadelphia, Pa., who was born in Philadelphia, October 23, 1898. He is a representative of the United Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Address: 2136 North Hancock St., Philadelphia, Pa.

They have a daughter, Carolyn Lee, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 4, 1927.

JOHN STARR

John Starr died in Philadelphia, July 8, 1914. Burial at Clifton Cemetery, Clifton, Ohio.

WILLIAM HUNTER

William Hunter died at Clarion, Iowa, October 8, 1911. Burial at Clifton Cemetery.

CHARLOTTE HUNTER

Charlotte is a student at Drexel Institute of Art, Science, and Industry.

Address: 2136 N. Hancock St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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ADDENDA

On March 19, 1935, David Cecil Rife was married to Gladys Ruth Whitt of Portsmouth, Ohio, who was born at Portsmouth, August 12, 1903.

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